



Port Community Information Bulletin # 25-03  
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## **Threat Condition Lowered to “Elevated”**

The Homeland Security Advisory System lowered the nation’s threat condition from “High” to “Elevated”. At this time, in accordance with our Facility Security Continuum Matrix, all port facilities are permitted to implement protective measures that correspond to threat condition “Elevated.”

As Captain of the Port, I again sincerely appreciate your rapid implementation of additional protective measures when the nation's terror alert was raised from "Elevated" to "High". Through the implementation of the Facility Security Continuum Matrix, the port community continues to play an integral role in helping maintain the security of our ports and waterways. Every effort made by each facility to harden our face, directly enhances our overall security posture, making us less vulnerable to a terrorist attack. Your continued vigilance and cooperation is essential to the marine transportation system and will continue to make Tampa Bay a more secure port.

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Captain of the Port